Exploration in off-shore Viatuam

2798. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has undertaken the responsibility for exploration in off-shore Vietnam as part of a big economic package agreement concluded here during the recent visit of the Prime Minister of that country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) and (b). India and Vietnam have agreed to consider the possibility of co-operation for exploration of hydrocarbons by the ONGC in off-shore South Vietnam.

Conversion of petroleum gas into Energy

2799. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the Prime Minister's recent visit to Japan an agreement was reached at for a 30 billion yen additional credit for converting petroleum gas in Assam into energy; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the agreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b). During the recent visit of the Prime Minister to Japan, the Japanese Government announced in the press additional credit of 30 billion Yen to India for setting up gas-based combined cycle Power Station at Kathalguri in Assam, along with the associated transmission lines. No formal agreement in this respect has been signed.

पैट्रोल और डीजल के मूल्यों का बढ़ाया जाना

2800. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री 25 नवम्बर, 1985 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 845 के दिये गय उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पैट्रोल और डीजल के मूल्य बढ़ाने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री नवल किशोर शर्मा) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

LPG connection in Andhra Pradesh towns

2801. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the towns with 20,000 population or so in the State of Andhra Pradesh which are proposed to be given LPG connections within the next two years; and

(b) the number of LPG connections which are proposed to be given to each town?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) and (b) Apart from continued release of new LPG connections in existing markets in Andhra Pradesh under the Oil Industry's annual customer enrolment programme, release of such connections in new markets will be determined by the commissioning of distributorships there. On the basis of economic viability, the oil inudustry proposes to set up distributorships in the following new markets in Andhra Pradesh under its Marketing Plan 1985-86:

1. Armur
2. Nandikotkur
3. Chintalpudi
4. Dhone
5. Kanigiri
6. Palvancha
7. Nagarkurnool

8. Pattancheru
9. Dronachalan
10. Kottavalsa
11. Vicarabad
12. Atmakur
13. Puttur
14. Kodad
15. Avanigadda
16. Tiruvur
17. Ramanar
18. Ichchapuram
19. Urvakonda
20. Bhainsa
21. Gopalapatnam
22. Jaggayyapet
23. Jadcherla
24. Piduguralla
25. Tekkali
26. Vetapalem
27. Peddapple
28. Rayachoti
29. Penugonda
30. Huzurabad

Price rise of coal

2802. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times the price of coal has been increased during the last three years; when this price hike was made and the extent of price rise each time;

(b) whether Government propose to increase the price of coal again; and

(c) if so, what are the details in regard thereto and the justification of further rise in the price of coal?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) During the last three years the pit-head prices of coal have been revised twice as under:—

Date of revision	Average pit-head price of coal per tonne	
	Coal India Limited	Singareni Collieries Company Limited
	Rs.	Rs.
27-5-1982	145·90	154·75
8-1-1984	183·00	192·00

(b) and (c). The pit-head prices of coal which were last revised with effect from 8-1-1984, were due for revision from 1-4-1985. Coal India Limited has indicated the estimated cost of production for the year 1985-86, taking into account the increase in the cost of inputs, additional dearness allowances, bonus etc. No decision has been taken by the Government so far about the revision.

Programme for increasing Coal Production

2803. SHRI S. W. DHABE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the programme of increasing coal production and expansion of mines in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar for the next two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what percentage of coal production is likely to be increased so as to meet the requirements of the country during the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) It is expected that coal production in 1989-90, the terminal year of the 7th Five Year Plan will be 226 m.t. compared to 147.5 m.t. in 1984-85, the terminal year of the 6th Plan, which corresponds to a growth of 53.22 per cent.

Energy Generation

2804. SHRI T. CHANDRASHEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States which were in deficit in energy generation at the benining of the 6th Five Year Plan;

(b) the names of the States which have become surplus in energy generation at the close of the 6th Five Year Plan;

(c) whether Government have formulated a comprehensive scheme for energy generation in the 7th Five Year Plan for each State;